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SUBJ: MAHARASHTRA STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES STRIKE ENDS

REF: NEW DELHI 7271

FOLLOWING IS COMMENT ON BOMBAY 1261 WHICH REPEATED TO DEPARTMENT AS NEW DELHI 7271 ON JUNE 3: THE STRIKE WAS PEACEFUL THROUGHOUT. POLITICAL PARTIES AND POLITICS PLAYED A NEGLIGIBLE ROLE. THE CHIEF MINISTER IN THE END WAS LENIENT WITH THE STRIKERS, DESPITE PRESSURE FROM THE UNION AND A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR A HARD LINE POLICY FROM THE MAHARASHTRA CONGRESS' LARGE AND INFLUENTIAL RICH FARMERS' LOBBY. THE GOM HAS GRANTED, BUT MAY TEMPORIZE IN IMPLEMENTING, ITS ACCEPTANCE "IN PRINCIPLE" OF THE DEMAND FOR PARITY OF DEARNESS (COST OF LIVING) ALLOWANCE WITH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. THE STRIKE'S RELATIVE SUCCESS, COMBINED WITH A RECENT UPTURN IN INFLATION IN INDIA COULD INSPIRE OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BOTH IN MAHARASHTRA AND OTHER STATES TO STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES.

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